# Lewis & Clark Station Camp Bicentennial Commemoration and Archaeological Discovery



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# Lewis & Clark Station Camp Beginnings

Marking two centuries since President Thomas Jefferson issued instructions to the explorers in 1803, the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial COMEMORATION was a Nation Wide effort of information and capital improvements to inform people of the significance of the Lewis and Clark explorations.

# Lewis & Clark Station Camp State Wide Coordination

Lewis &Clark Expedition bicentennial is being commemorated from 2003 to 2006.

The various bicentennial activities were coordinated by Governor's Mandate by the Washington State Historical Society (WSHS).

**State Wide Organization** 

State Agency Committee

 Six citizen members, including three Washington State Tribal members appointed by the governor

Washington State Historical Society

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Washington State Department of Transportation

#### Lewis & Clark Station Camp State Wide Organization

State Agency Committee (continued)

- Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development;
- Four members of the Washington state legislature
- Lewis and Clark Trail Advisory Committee
- Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

**State Wide Organization** 

#### **Agency Assistance Team**

- Washington State Historical Society
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Washington State Tourism
- Washington State Parks and Recreation
- Washington State Arts Commission
- **National Guard**
- **US Coast Guard**
- Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

Prioritized list of 23 projects to support the LC Bicentennial including:

- Station Camp near Chinook Washington
- End of our Voyage Trail Guide
- Statewide Interpretive Panels
- Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Fort Canby/Cape Disappointment Park
- Sacagawea Interpretive Center at Sacagawea State Park
- Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Cathlapotle
- Beacon Rock State Park
- Chief Timothy State Park
- Confluence Project

Dedication of Kiosks along the Trail in Washington



Chinookan Style Plank House at Cathlapotle

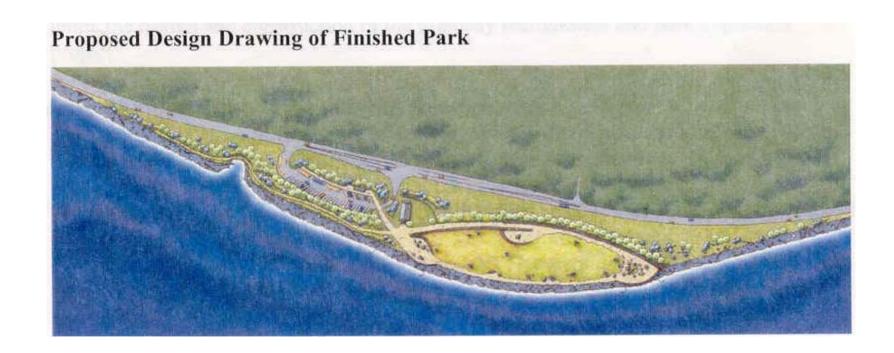


 Dedication of Lewis and Clark Water Recreation Trail on the Columbia River



Kiosk Dedication at Skamokawa





#### **Preliminary Engineering**

- ■Sec 106 work
- ■Followed Federal Process
- Area of Potential Effect
- Tribal Consultation
- DAHP Consultation
- •Archeological Investigation Conducted by National Parks Service.

### Preliminary Eng. & Archaeological Investigation



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## **Trade Ring**



#### **Blue Beads**



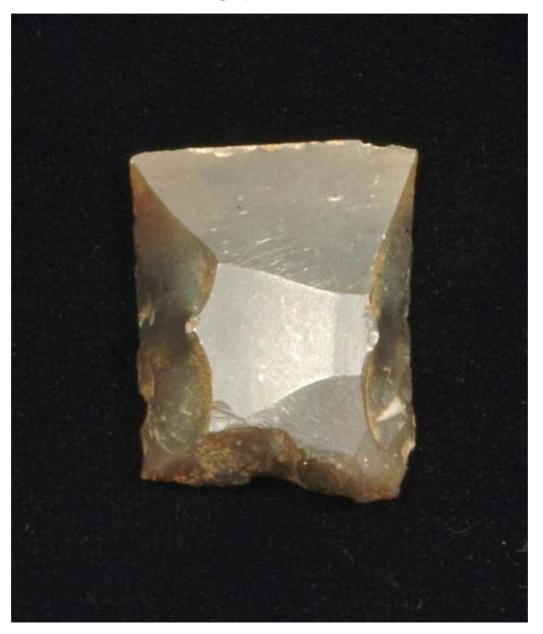
#### **Chinese Ceramic**



#### **Creamware Ceramic**



## **Gun Flint**



#### **Mochaware Ceramic**



## **Fishing Net Weight**



## **Iron Dagger**



#### Knife



#### PE Phase of Sec. 106 Complete

The project was being driven by the desire to have the Station Camp Improvements in place by the Bicentennial in Washington State between November 15 and 24, 2005.

This was 200 years after Lewis and Clark had camped at what is today known as Station Camp.

#### PE Phase of Sec. 106 Complete

The project was cleared to go to Ad. The old barn foundation was planned to be removed and additional archeological testing performed by the NPS archaeologist.

At the time, the archeological opinion was that testing had reached the point of redundancy. The barn foundation was in private ownership until quite late in the Preliminary Engineering process.

#### **Programmatic Agreement**

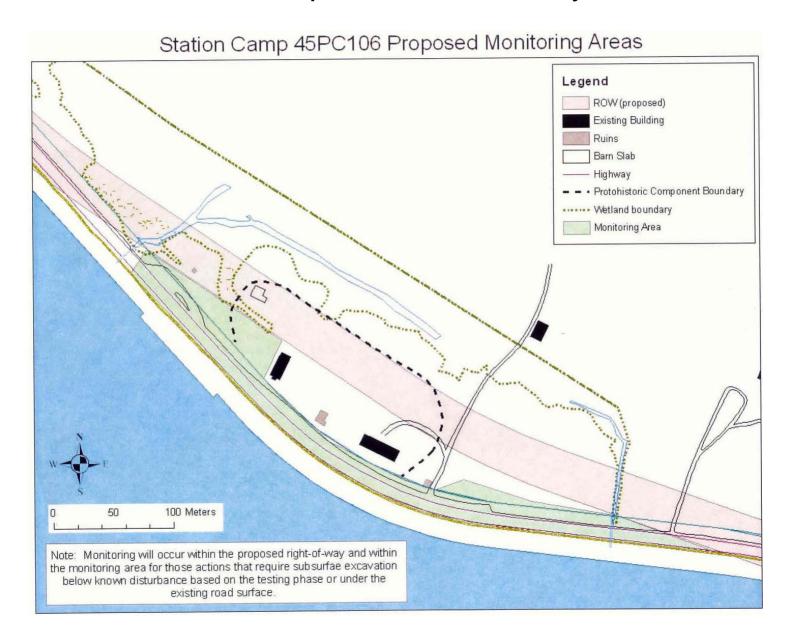
- Federal HighwayAdministration
- WA State Dept. of Transportation
- ■WA State Historical Society
- Chinook Tribe

- National Parks Service
- Office of Archaeological and Historic Preservation
- WA State Parks & Recreation
- US Army Corps of Engineers

#### **Aerial View of Roadway Construction Project**

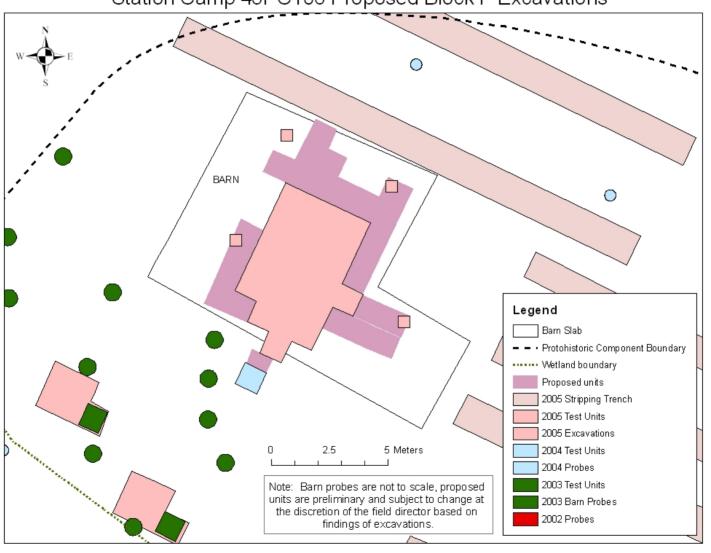


#### Block "F" - Suspend Work January 29, 2005



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#### Station Camp 45PC106 Proposed Block F Excavations



# **Stripping Trenches**



#### **Plank Like Features**



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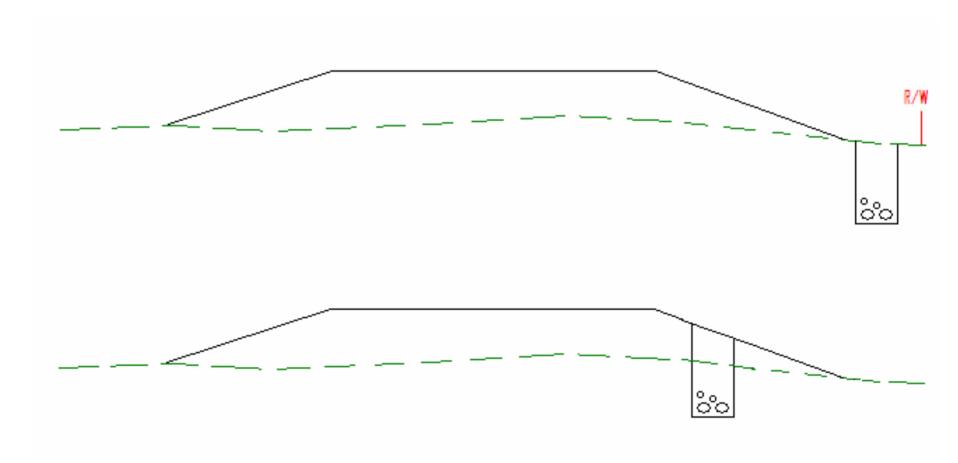


#### Mitigation agreement

To avoid disturbance of the features in block F, the agreement was that the roadway profile would be raised to cover and not excavate further in the area of block F.

Excavation was minimized, but not eliminated due to utility needs and some wetland mitigation needs.

## **Design Modifications**



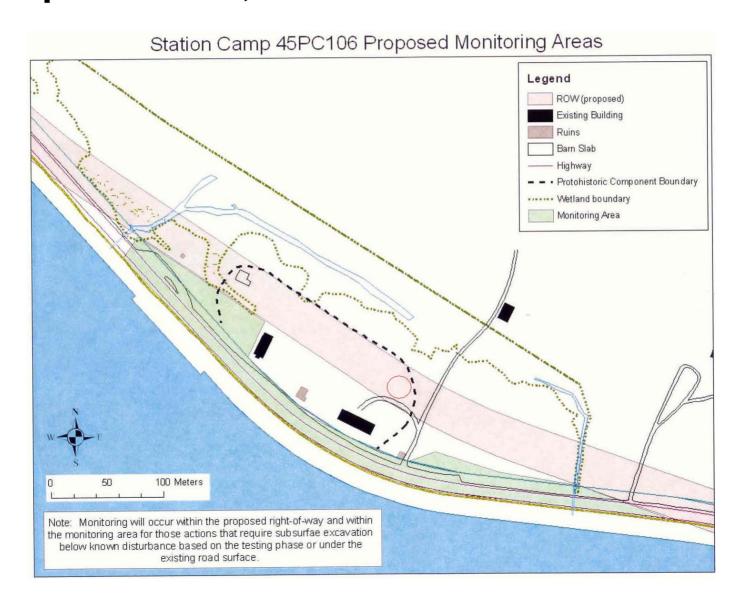
#### Resume Work September 19, 2005



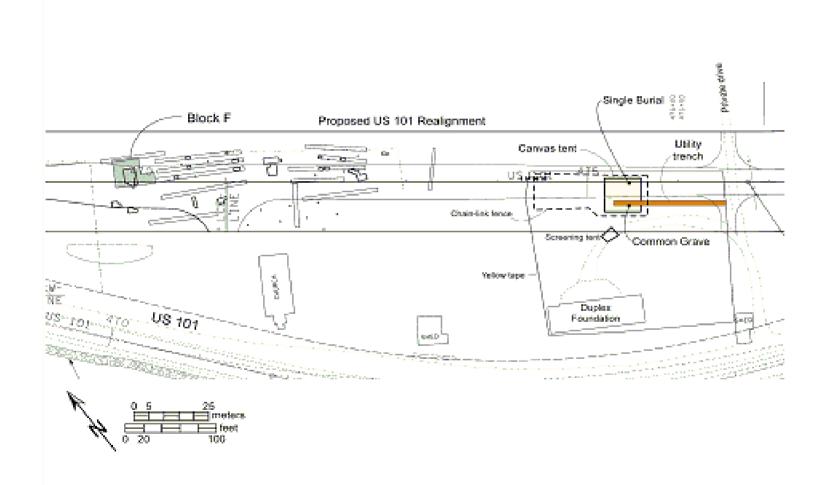
## **Utility Installation**



# Inadvertent discovery of Human remains September 27, 2005



#### **Inadvertent Discovery**



#### **Stop Work and Secure the Site**

- Make Notifications per programmatic Agreement
- 24 Hour Security Guard
- Erect a Tent to Protect Site
- Install Temp Fencing

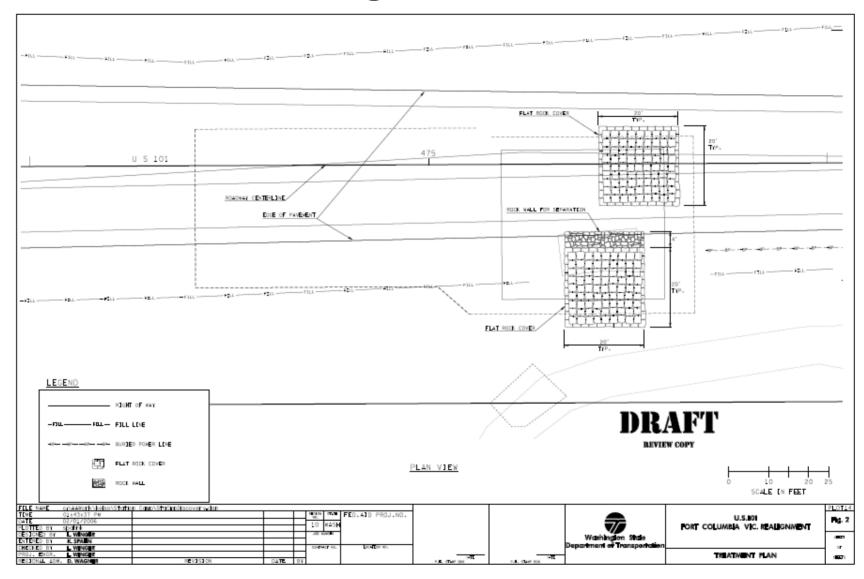
#### **Treatment Plan**

Cooperative Effort between signatories of the programmatic agreement.

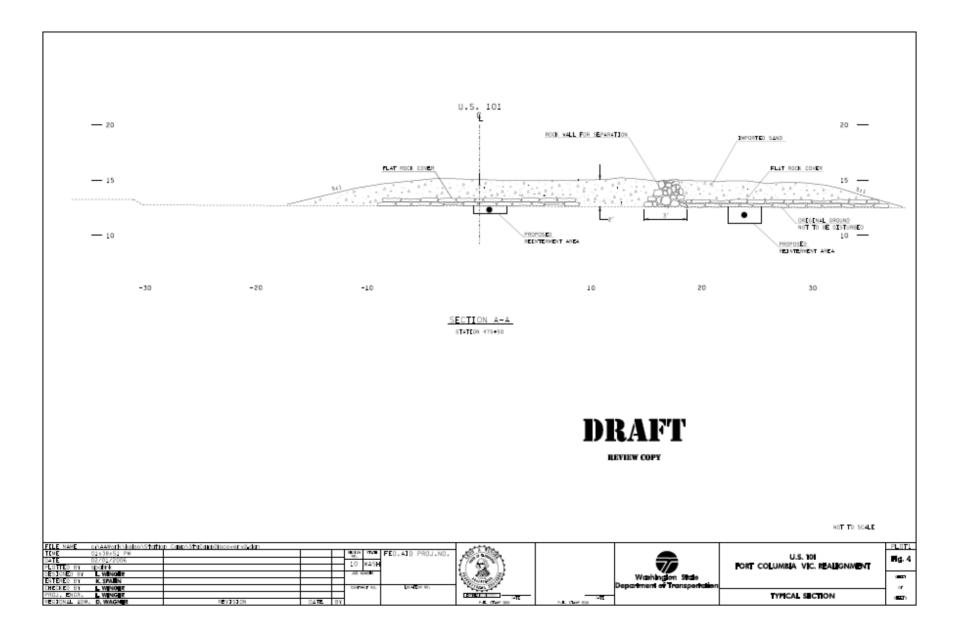
Took a few months to sort it out.

Weekly Conference calls with project team, HQ CRM group FHWA and DAHP.

#### **Treatment Plan Design**



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#### Other Cultural Resource Project Contacts

- SR 14 Confluence Project City of Vancouver Project
- ■Lewis County Rush Road Extension Lewis County Project

#### Section 106 Process Important Points

- Area of Potential Effect Determined and Agreed to up front.
- Proper consultation of parties, Tribal and Agency
- Archeological Survey Designed to meet the needs of the project
   AND the needs of cultural heritage preservation and interpretation.
- ALL inadvertent discoveries must be kept confidential. NO photos of remains or funerary objects are to be taken by anyone.
- ■The process may seem slow and tedious, but missing an important step can bring everything to a complete and expensive halt.